

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119-33
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . TAIWAN-FIVE EYES CYBER DEFENSE COOPERA-**
2 **TION INITIATIVE.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Secretary of Defense, in coordination
6 with the Secretary of State and the Director of Na-
7 tional Intelligence, should pursue expanded coopera-
8 tion between Taiwan and the Five Eyes partners on
9 cyber defense; and

10 (2) such cooperation should include bilateral
11 and multilateral training exercises, law enforcement
12 training, and the negotiation of memoranda of un-
13 derstanding to expand joint cyber-defense exercises.

14 (b) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary
18 of State and the Director of National Intelligence,

1 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees a strategy to support the cyber defense of
3 Taiwan through coordination with the Five Eyes
4 partners. The strategy shall include the following:

5 (A) A framework for facilitating, where ap-
6 propriate and to the extent consistent with
7 United States law and policy, bilateral and mul-
8 tilateral cyber-defense training exercises involv-
9 ing Taiwan and one or more Five Eyes part-
10 ners, including through the use of the authority
11 provided in section 5503(b) of the James M.
12 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for
13 Fiscal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C, 3353(b)).

14 (B) A plan to support law enforcement
15 training programs for Taiwan focused on cyber-
16 enabled threats, including those targeting crit-
17 ical infrastructure, financial systems, and elec-
18 toral processes.

19 (C) Identification of opportunities to en-
20 courage the negotiation of memoranda of un-
21 derstanding among Taiwan and Five Eyes part-
22 ners to expand joint cyber-defense exercises,
23 threat-information sharing, and personnel ex-
24 changes.

1 (D) An assessment of lessons learned from
2 Indo-Pacific partners, and recommendations on
3 how applicable practices could be adapted to
4 support Taiwan.

5 (E) A description of resources, authorities,
6 and personnel required to implement the strat-
7 egy, including any additional authorities the
8 Secretary of Defense determines necessary.

9 (2) FORM.—The strategy described in para-
10 graph (1) shall be transmitted in an unclassified
11 form and may contain a classified annex.

12 (c) PILOT EXERCISE PROGRAM.—Pursuant to sec-
13 tion 5503(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense
14 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C.
15 3353(b)), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of De-
16 fense may carry out a pilot program to conduct multilat-
17 eral cyber-defense exercises that include the participation
18 of Taiwan and one or more Five Eyes partners.

19 (d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
21 a period not to exceed 5 years, the Secretary of Defense
22 shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees
23 a briefing on—

24 (1) the implementation of the strategy required
25 under subsection (b);

1 (2) the exercises carried out under the pilot
2 program under subsection (e); and

3 (3) any impediments to expanded cyber-defense
4 cooperation among Taiwan and the Five Eyes part-
5 ners.

6 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
8 sional committees” means—

9 (1) the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign
10 Relations, and Intelligence of the Senate; and

11 (2) the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign
12 Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on In-
13 telligence of the House of Representatives.

